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## ***GENTIANOPSIS MACOUNII*** **MACOUN'S GENTIAN**

Macoun's Gentian is a glabrous annual with erect, simple to few-branched stems that are 5-50 cm high. The basal leaves are 2-3 cm long and lance-shaped with blunt tips. The opposite stem leaves are narrower with pointed tips. A solitary, long-stalked flower occurs at the stem tip, while others may arise from the upper leaf axils. The calyx is 15-25 mm long and has 4 pointed lobes and small, white bumps at the base. The deep blue, tubular corolla is 2-5 cm long and has 4 broad, spreading, fringed lobes. The 4 stamens have hairs at midlength. The fruit is a stalked, narrowly elliptic many-seeded capsule that is 12-25 mm long. Flowering in August, fruiting in early September.

G. DETONSA is very similar but lacks the small white bumps at the base of the calyx. A hand lens may be needed for positive identification.